(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is facing acute shortage manpower at different levels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this shortage is hampering investigation into important cases; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to make up the shortage of CBI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) As against the sanctioned strength of 5891, there were 1163 posts lying vacant in the CBI as on 1.8.2005.

(c) and (d) Several steps have been taken to meet the shortages. These inciude:—

1. Monthly incentive of Rs. 1000 and Rs.700 has been approved for DSP and Inspector of CBI where the maximum shortage was noticed.
2. Ministry of Home Affairs has been requested to direct all its Central Para Military organizations to send more officers on deputation.
3. Union Public Service Commission has been requested to expedite the process of recruitment proposals pending with them.
4. In order to reduce repatriation of existing service officers of deputation, the lending organizations have been requested to allow their deputation for the maximum duration as permissible under recruitment rules. Through effective deployment of available resources CBI ensures that manpower deficit does not affect its functioning.

Recruitment on the basis of fake certificates

3203. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a SC/ST fake certificates scam and Schedule Castes Commission has sought for complete information of all SC recruitments made over the last one decade in Central Ministries,

Delhi Government and various autonomous bodies;

(b) if so, the number of candidates recruited with fake SC/ST certificates, Ministry-wise/Department-wise;

(c) the action Government have initiated against such employees; and

(d) whether Government would take back their life long earning of those who found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) In Civil Writ Petition No. 5976/2003, Delhi High Court had directed CBI to inquire/investigate cases of person who secured Government jobs on the basis of fake ST certificates between 1995 to 2000.

(b) to (d) Instructions have been issued to all Ministries/Department of Government of India and Delhi Government to get the ST certificates of all the persons recruited since 1995, verified from the concerned District Authorities and to register cases against those found to have secured jobs on the strength of forged/fake ST certificates. The matter is still *sub-judice*.

Development of Trans-Himalayan region

†3204. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission is working on any action plan to preserve the salient features of Trans-Himalayan region and to remove the difficulties coming in the way of economic development of this region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether keeping in view the special condition of these regions the Commission propose to set up a Trans-Himalayan Development Cell; and

(d) if not, the reasons, therefor and what steps are being taken to remove the difficulties coming in the way of development of these regions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No Sir.

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